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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for his courtesies extended to the undersigned in their October 22, 2007 interview in the captioned matter.

To further confirm the substance of the interview, applicants note that newly added claims 51-69 were entered in the case, and the Examiner made the new claims subject to a verbal requirement for restriction due to distinctiveness among different groups of claims, as suggested in the September 25 *Amendment Accompany RCE*, i.e.:

Group II – new claims 51-53 which concern, e.g., methods relating to search engines and audio data;

Group III – new claims 54-57 which concern, e.g., methods relating to search engines and visual data;

Group IV – new claims 58-62 which concern, e.g., arrangements employing user interfaces through which a user of a first device can instruct that content be delivered to a second device;

Group V – new claim 63 which concerns, e.g., identifying a content recipient from a scrollable list and sending data as a consequence;

Group VI – new claim 64 which concerns, e.g., a portable personal digital device equipped with an interface for receiving audio content data, and a counter for tracking a number of plays of the received audio content;

Group VII – new claim 65 which concerns, e.g., a method in which a content identifier is derived from human-perceptible attributes of content, and a remote computer resource identified by reference to that identifier logs information regarding the content;

Group VIII – new claims 66-68 which concern, e.g., methods in which meta data associated with sensed audio (e.g., title information, artist information, concert information for the artist) is received and/or presented at a device; and

Group IX – new claim 69 which concerns, e.g., delivery of content data to a recipient computer while audio is being streamed to a first user device.

The undersigned agreed to cancellation of claims 51-69 as being drawn to non-elected groups.

(Such claims are being pursued in the following applications: 11/382,850, 11/620,993, 11/620,999, 11/746,804, and 11/746,811.)

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